

USIU-AFRICA

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

“A true stitch in time”

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Natalina Leila, 4th year BSc. Accounting and Finance, from South Sudan

“Were it not for partners and donors, I would not be where I am today!”

Pauline Laibon, Alumnus Class of 2010 and 2013,

Director of Partnerships and External Linkages (Meru County), Kenya.

Natalina’s and Pauline’s stories dimly paint a grim picture turned heroic of many students who only completed their education to achieve life dreams because the USIU-Africa financial aid supported them.

Real impact

Since September 2003 to September 2017 the financial aid program has benefited more than 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students. They would have dropped out of school due to financial challenges but USIU-Africa rescued them.

Vision:

All bright but needy students at USIU-Africa access financial assistance to complete their studies.

Commitment:

“USIU-Africa is committed to grow the Financial Aid Kitty with much needed resources in order to achieve zero dropout rate among continuing students on financial grounds. The kitty further aims to support top notch students from needy backgrounds across the country and the region access quality education at USIU-Africa.”



*Amb. Professor Ruthie Rono
– Deputy Vice Chancellor,
Academic and Student Affairs*

Partners

We thank all partners who have supported us to provide the much-needed help to our students. The MasterCard Foundation, Rattansi Educational Trust, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Africa America Institute, CFC Stanbic Bank, Brother Vincent Memorial Scholarship, Coca Cola Foundation and many others have walked the journey with us to provide quality education.

Strategy

Through the Freida Brown Scholarship Fund (FBSF) we target to raise Kshs.500 million by 2021 to provide scholarships to Africa’s 500 most talented young men and women to study STEM disciplines at USIU-Africa.

A call to securing the future

Join us to simultaneously prepare the most talented leaders and innovators while addressing the most pressing questions in education. Invest with USIU-Africa, a trusted partner with the most influential individuals and organizations across the globe, to change lives. The time is now. We need you!

TRANSFORMED LIVES

Natalina Leila

– Accounting and Finance Student

A citizen of South Sudan, a country that has been greatly affected by war, Leila is grateful for the opportunity to study at USIU-Africa where she enrolled in 2015. Currently she is the treasurer for the Educate your Own initiative (EYO), a student initiative that engages in fundraising initiatives to help fellow continuing students facing financial challenges. Leila is a beneficiary of the Mel Kuol Foundation scholarship and the work study program.



“This scholarship is everything to me and my family. I don’t think I would be here telling my story. I will be graduating this year with a Bachelor Degree in Accounting and Finance. I am overjoyed by the generosity I have received from the university and her partners. The scholarship has been a great blessing because it saved me from dropping out of school.”

Dorcas Wanjiru

Dorcas joined USIU-Africa in Fall semester 2016, which she says was going to be the beginning of a lifelong journey of growth, change, development and achieving her dreams.

USIU-Africa has afforded Dorcas an abundance of lifetime experiences, as well as granting her a global perspective with exposure to a myriad of cultures - students, staff, and lecturers who are from over 75 nationalities, diverse tribes and races.



“This is a dream come true. An opportunity that will touch and inspire lives across generations. A chance to learn, grow and get to realize my dream. I intend to plant the same seed to help another needy student in the near future; so that we may keep this candle burning. I smile today and walk with confidence as a result of your generosity. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.”

“Financial aid has enabled me to take the pressures off my mind, afford university school fees thus achieving higher education, opened doors for a future that was only a dream while giving me the chance of a lifetime that would otherwise be impossible. Work study, on the other hand, has granted me valuable work experience, better preparing me for a future career; taught me communication and time management skills while building my leadership and ethical skills.”

Pauline Laibon

- Director of Partnerships and External Linkages (Meru County)

I joined USIU-Africa in May 2007 to study a Bachelor of Science in International Relations. I graduated in the year 2010 and was offered a job in March 2011. I applied for my Masters in Organizational Development in September of 2011 and graduated in 2013.

I received financial aid in my sophomore year. This meant the world to me! I applied for Campus Work Study Program. I was granted the opportunity and I was able to secure a chance to work at the Admissions Office.



Dealing with a wide clientele at USIU-Africa was a foundation to dealing with various partners in my current position. I worked in the Financial Aid Office as an Assistant Financial Aid Officer. I know the impact that financial aid had on needy students.

“My plea to you is to continue supporting USIU-Africa. Were it not for partners and donors, I would not be where I am today! The quality of education at USIU-Africa cannot be matched with any other institution of higher learning. With your support, USIU-Africa will be able to reach out to more students who are financially needy giving them a chance to attain world class education!”

“Fellow students, there is no situation that lasts forever! Do not relent! Work Hard, Stay focused, be patient but aggressive and for sure you shall reap the fruits of your hard work! One day you will thank God and yourself for not giving up!”

Wambui Kahara

- Youth Representative to the United Nations, Director of Peace Makers International and the Youth Agenda Kenya

Wambui Kahara is currently the Youth Representative to the United Nations. She is also the Director of Peace Makers International and the Youth Agenda Kenya. Wambui attributes this to her alma mater. It was during this conference that Wambui thought of championing for the government to set up a UN Youth Programme so that the youth could participate in all the processes of the UN system.

On sharing her greatest achievement, Wambui says she was appointed by the Kenyan Government as the first official youth representative to the United Nations. Wambui says if she wasn't a youth representative, she would be in other people-related work making a difference. She says the courses she took while at USIU-Africa informed her carrier path and she never forgets to apply the lessons in her day to day activities.



Wambui Kahara with Ban Ki Moon

“USIU-Africa played a vital role in taking me places where I interacted with people in the diplomatic sphere. I went to The Hague courtesy of USIU-Africa to attend a UN youth conference.”

“I have an array of awards, the first being in 2010 when I won the Peace Award in China Revolution Conference, in 2013 I got the UN Award for South-South Cooperation, in 2014 I was a finalist for the Rising Stars Awards in Africa and in 2015 I won the Emerging Leaders Award for potential leaders of Tomorrow.”